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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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- **Elevated to critical fire weather conditions for NM into the TX/OK Panhandles today and NM on Sunday.**
- **Winter travel impacts may develop in the high terrain and eastern NM and the Panhandles beginning Sunday night, spreading into W/NW TX, and OK Monday into Tuesday.**
- **Area in the Caribbean has a high chance of development over the next 2 days.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Oct 24, 2020 - Oct 28, 2020



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DAY / THREAT	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
Severe Storms					
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding			E OK/AR		
Fire Weather	NM TX/OK Panhandles	NM			
Tropical Winds / Surge					
Winter Weather		N NM Panhandles	NM TX/OK Panhandles, W TX and OK	E NM W and NW TX OK	
River Flooding	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA	SW LA	

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

*\*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.\**

*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



# Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



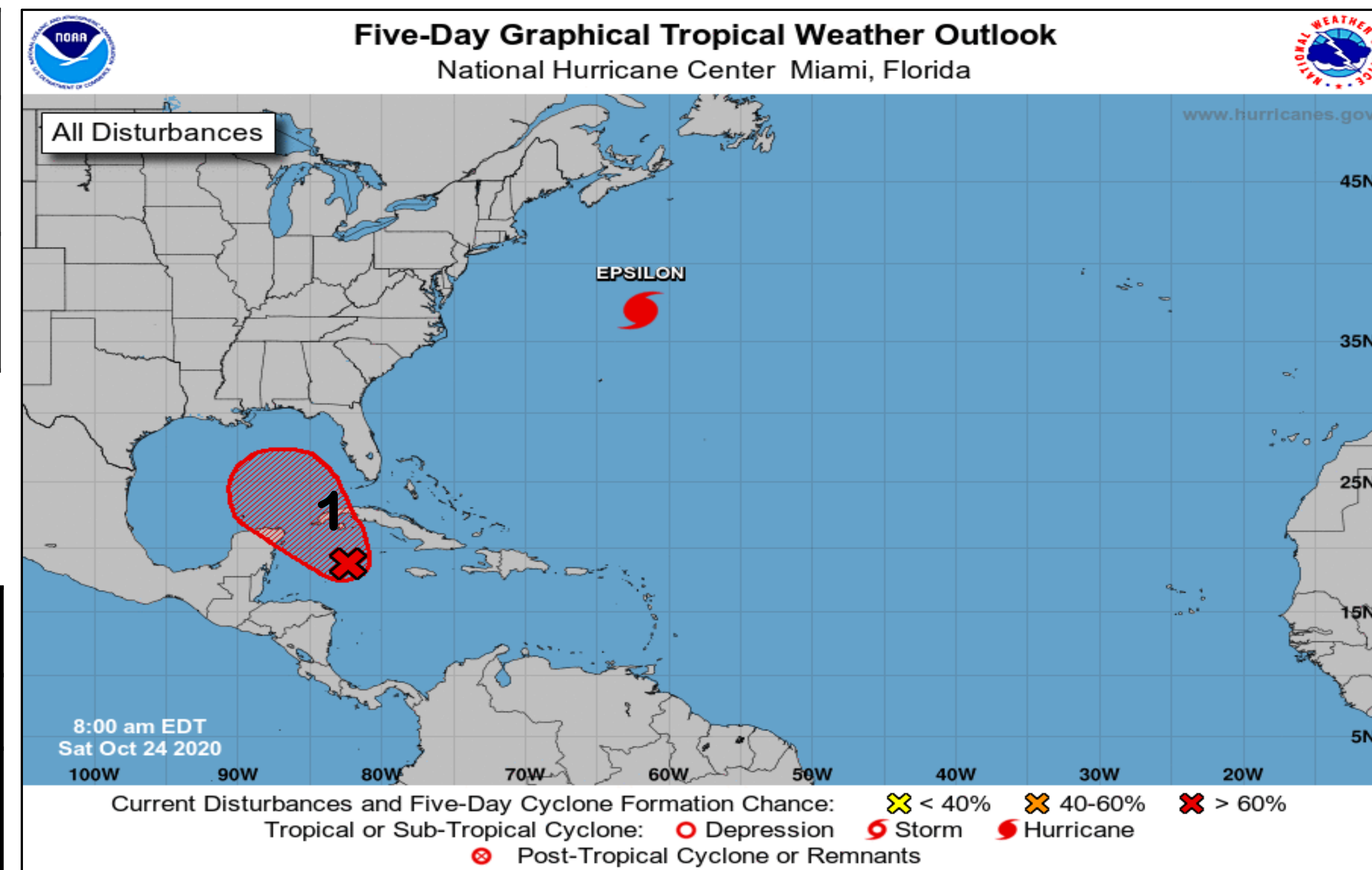
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## Areas of Possible Development

Area	Chance of Development	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
1	High	Low confidence in potential impacts at this time.

## Active Tropical Cyclones

Storm	Potential Impacts to FEMA 6
Epsilon	None.



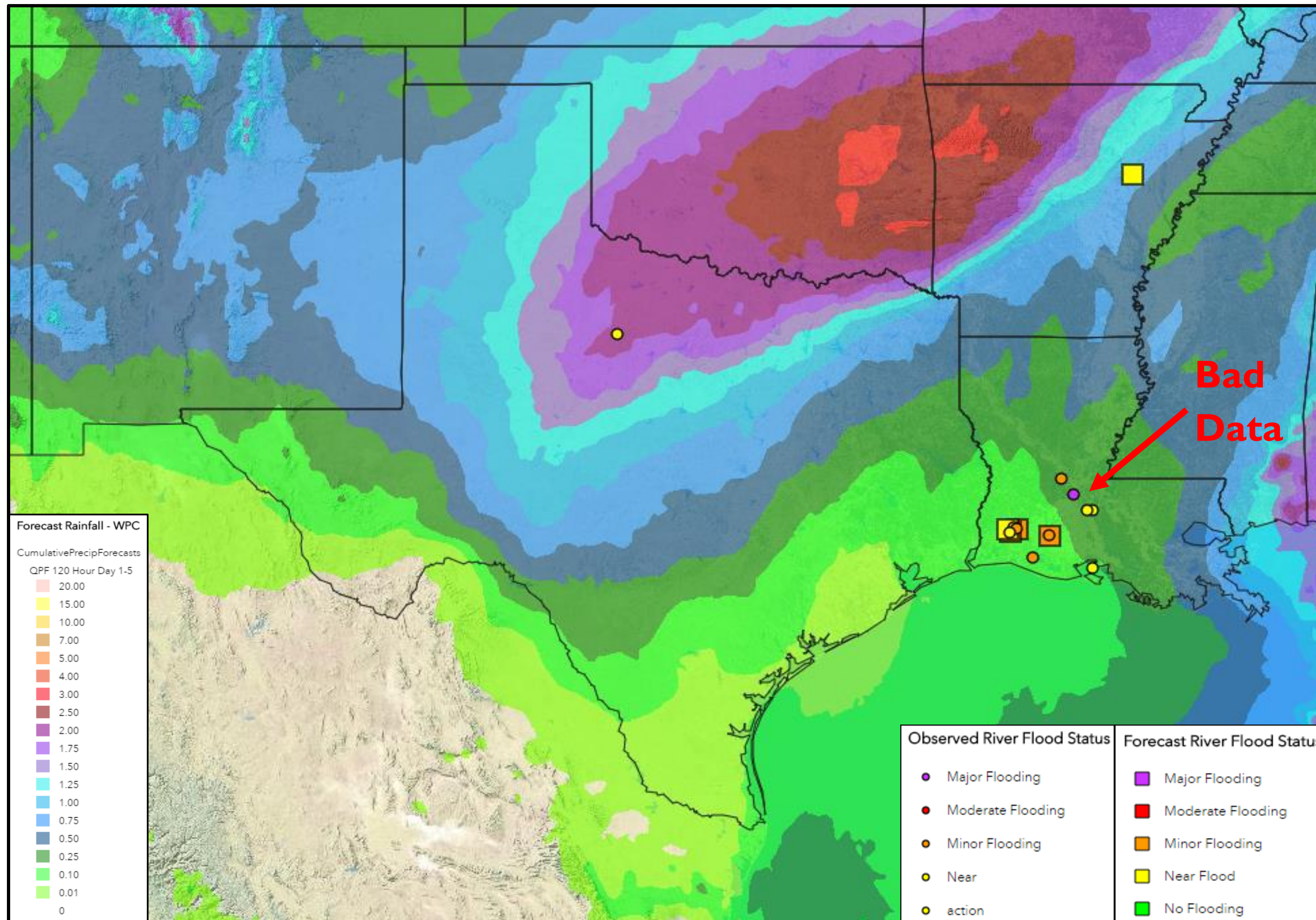


# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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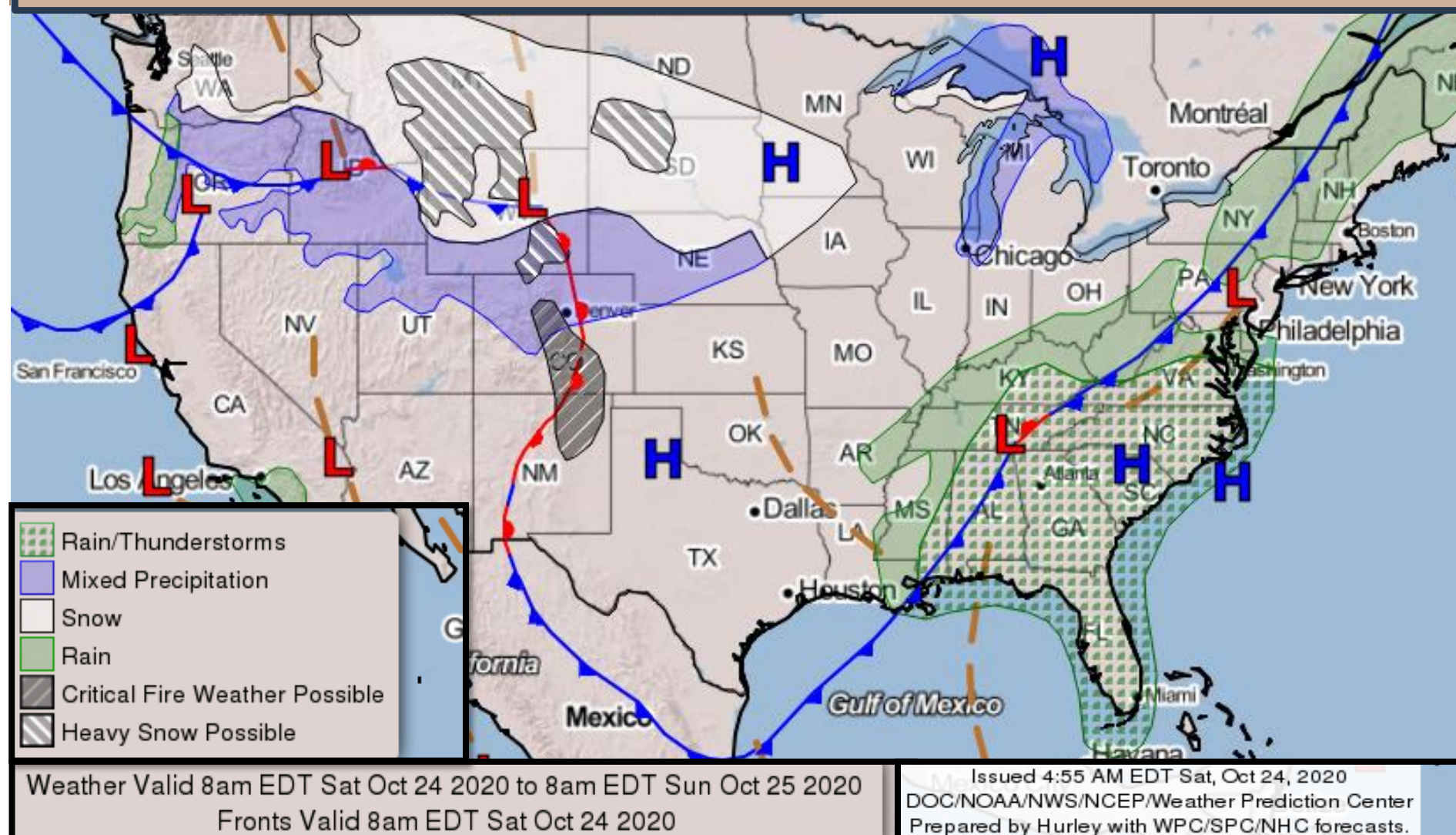
## Minor river flooding continues across SW LA.

- The Calcasieu River will continue to slowly recede. White Oak Park (east of Lake Charles) will remain in minor flood stage into next week. **Impacts:** Water over lowest portions of Goos Ferry Road. Cars should be moved to higher ground.
- The Mermentau River at Mermentau will remain in minor flood into next week. **Impacts:** Minor lowland flooding near the river.

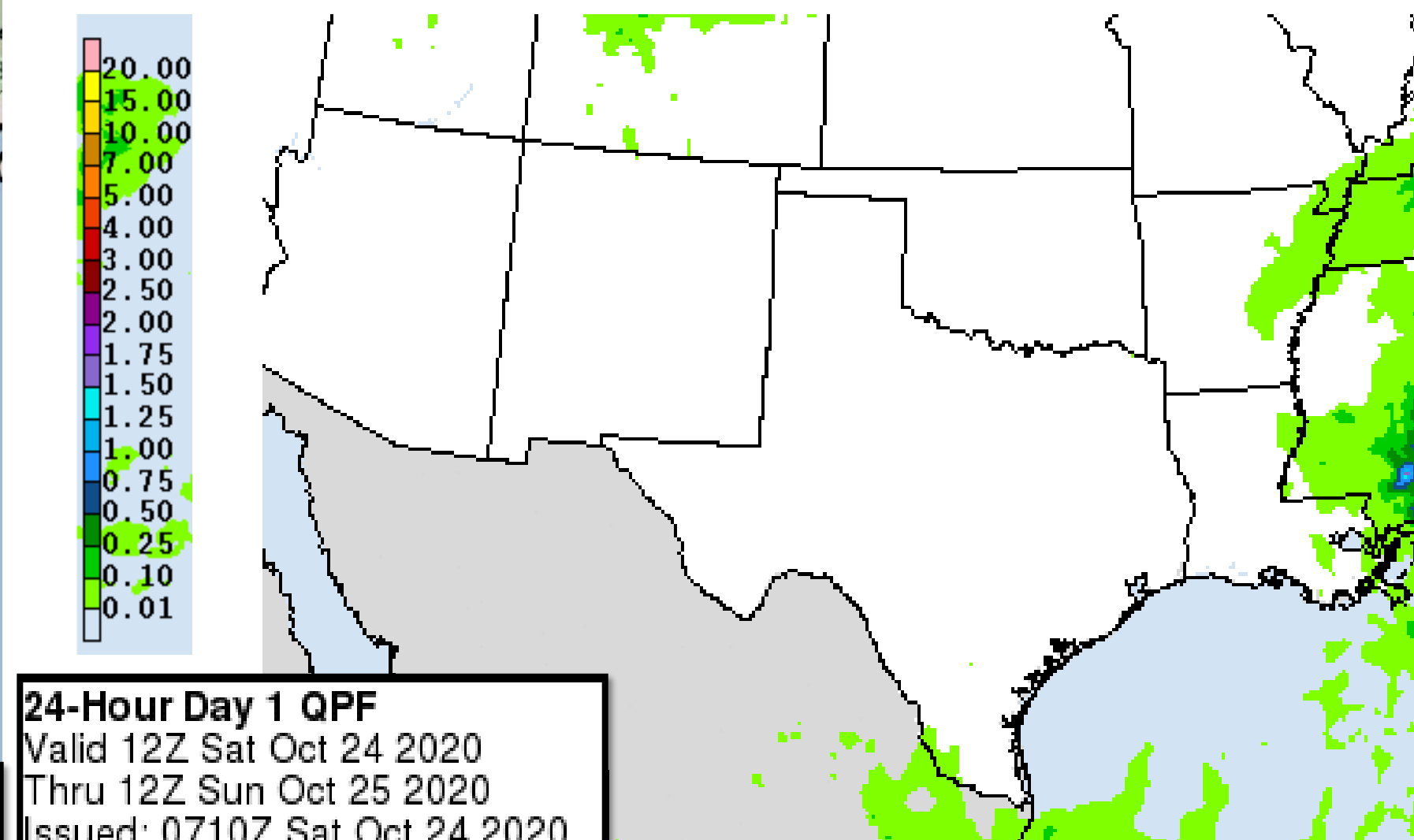


# Today's Weather

## Forecast Chart



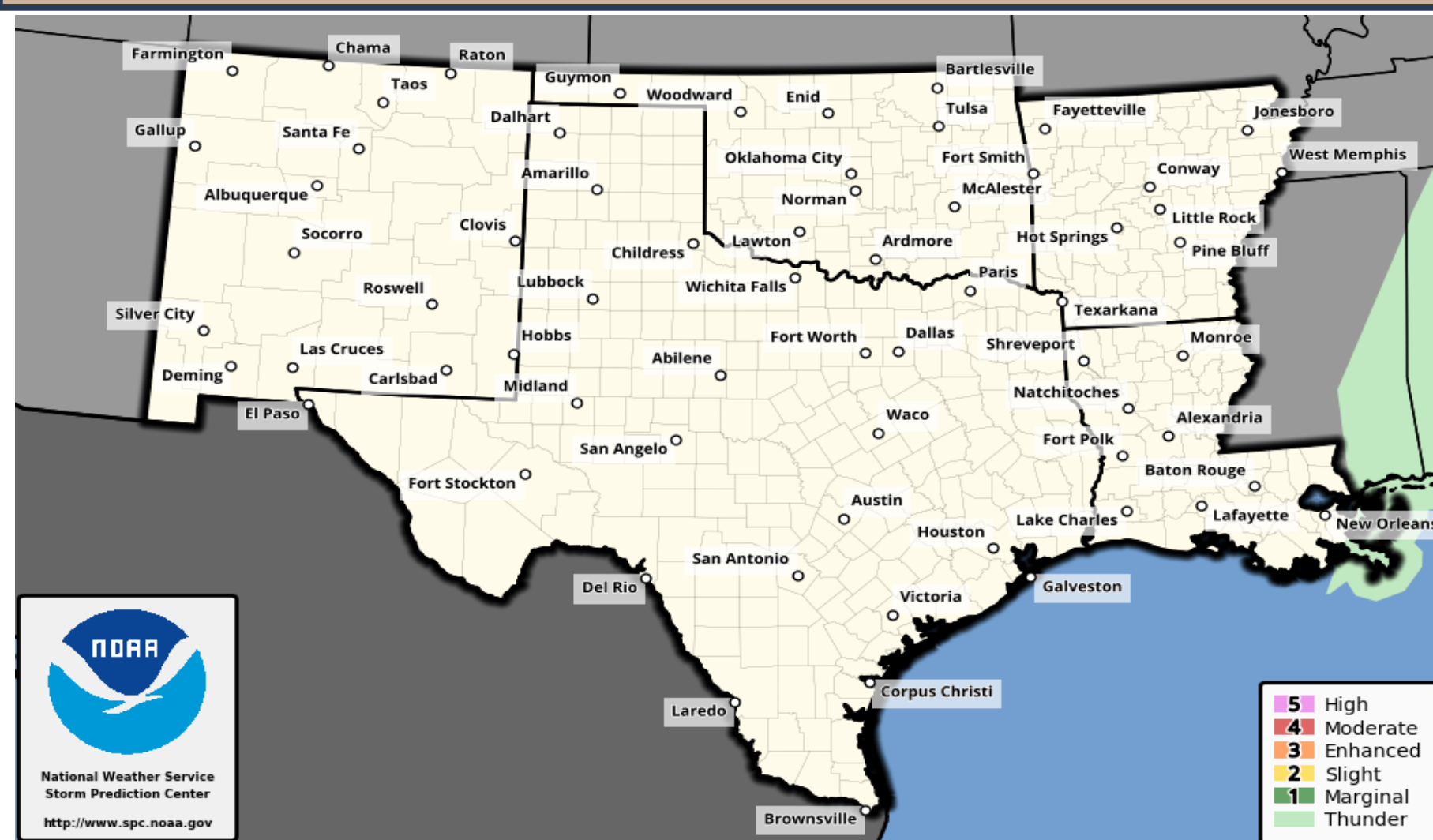
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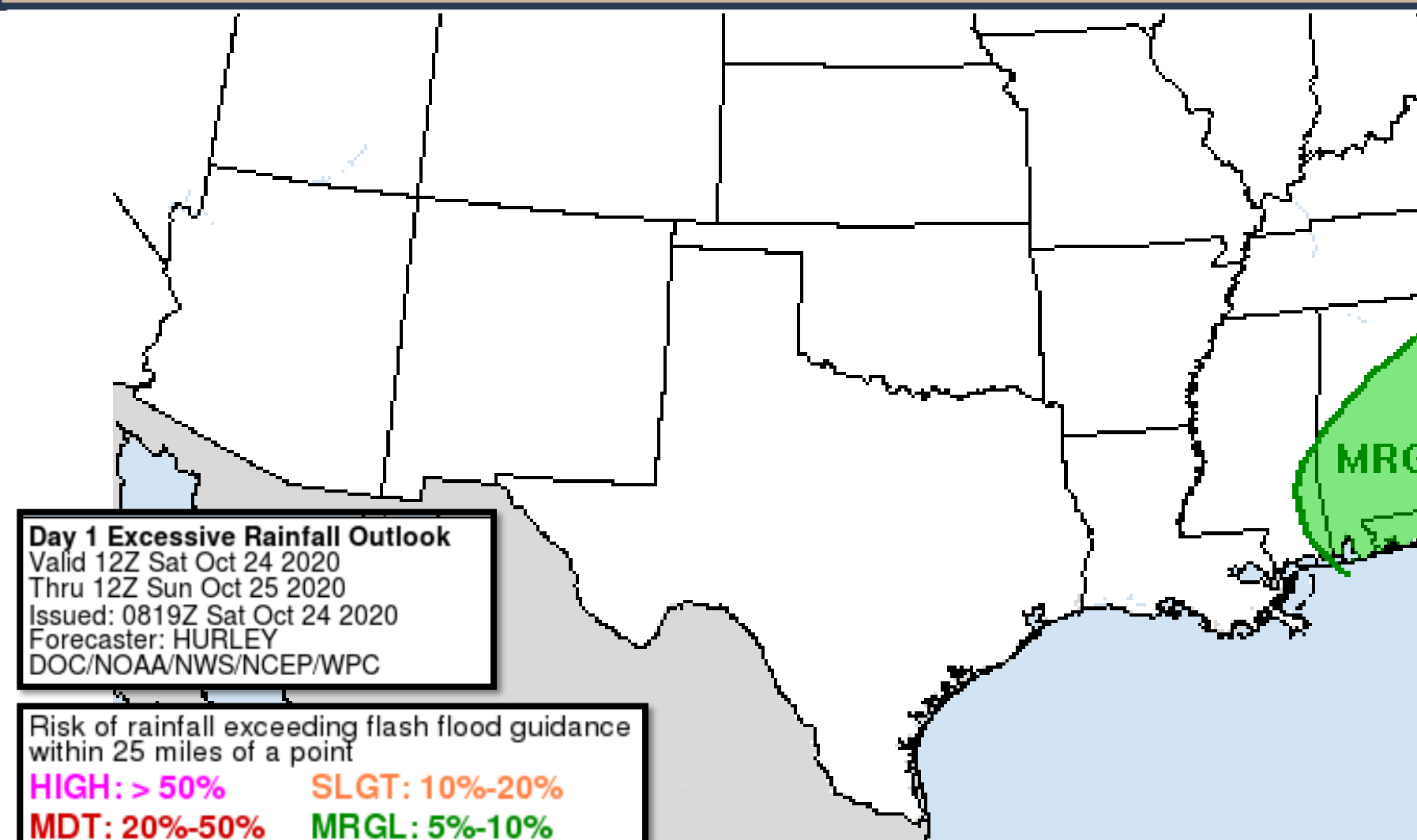
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No significant weather  
expected.

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

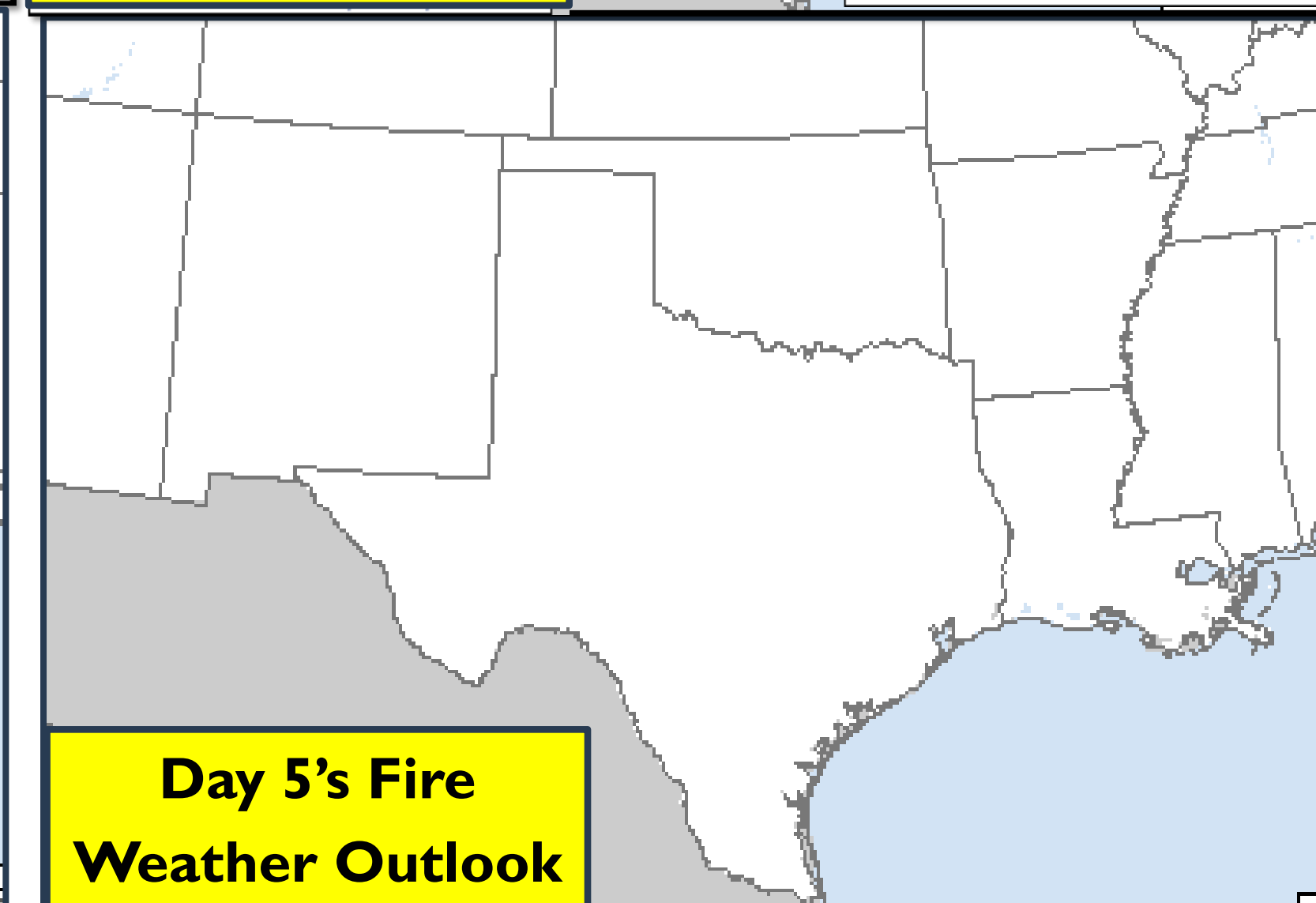
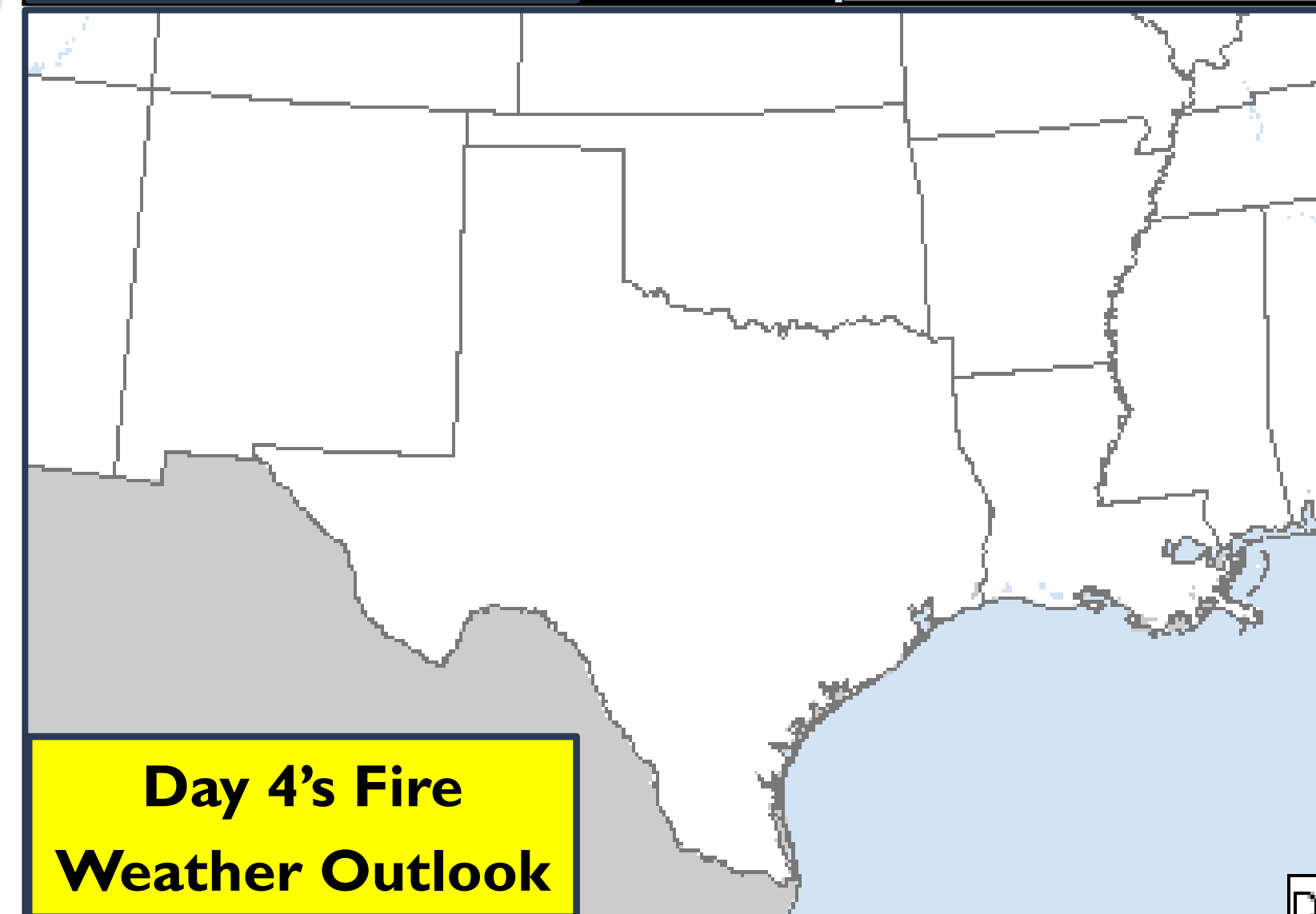
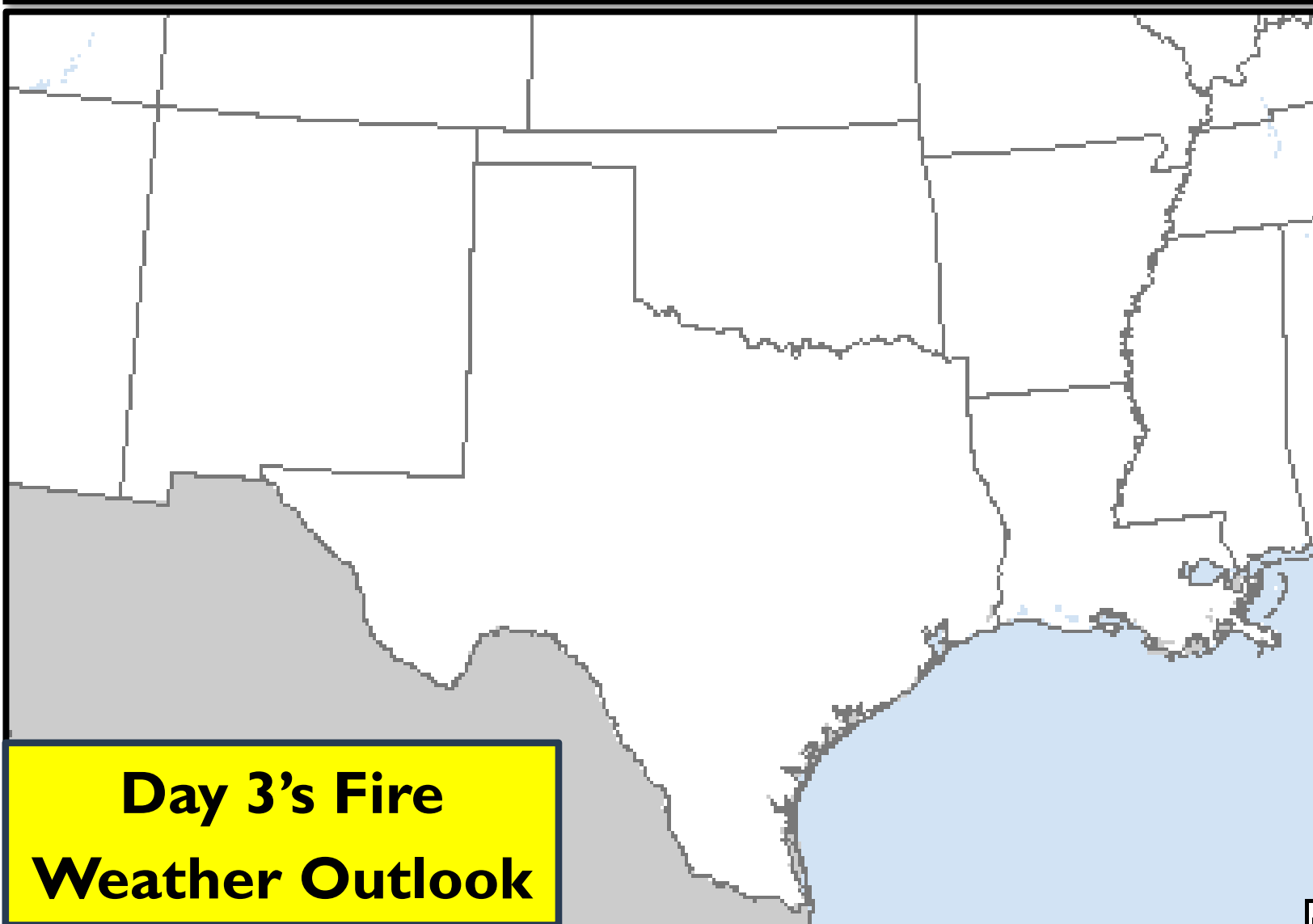
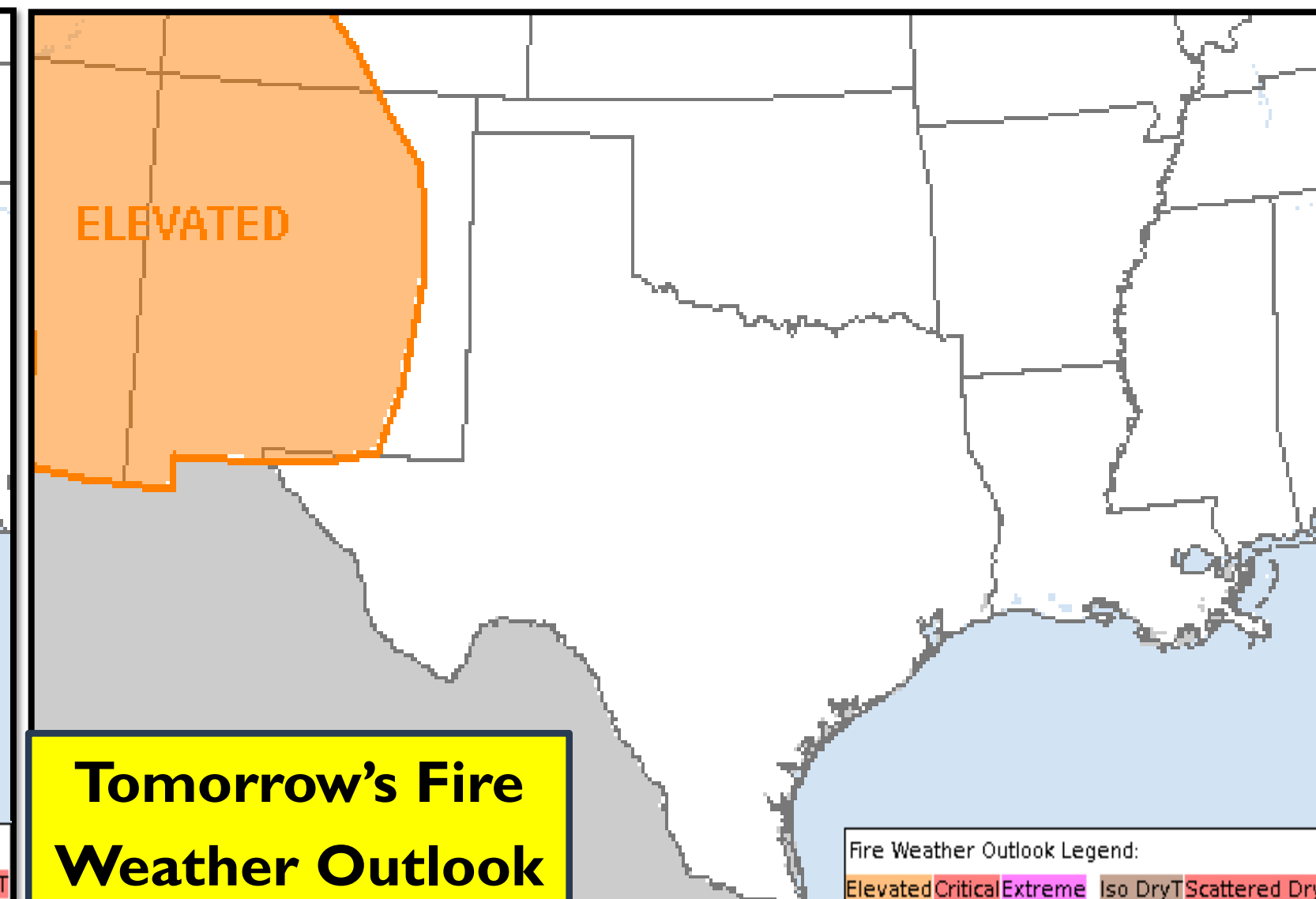
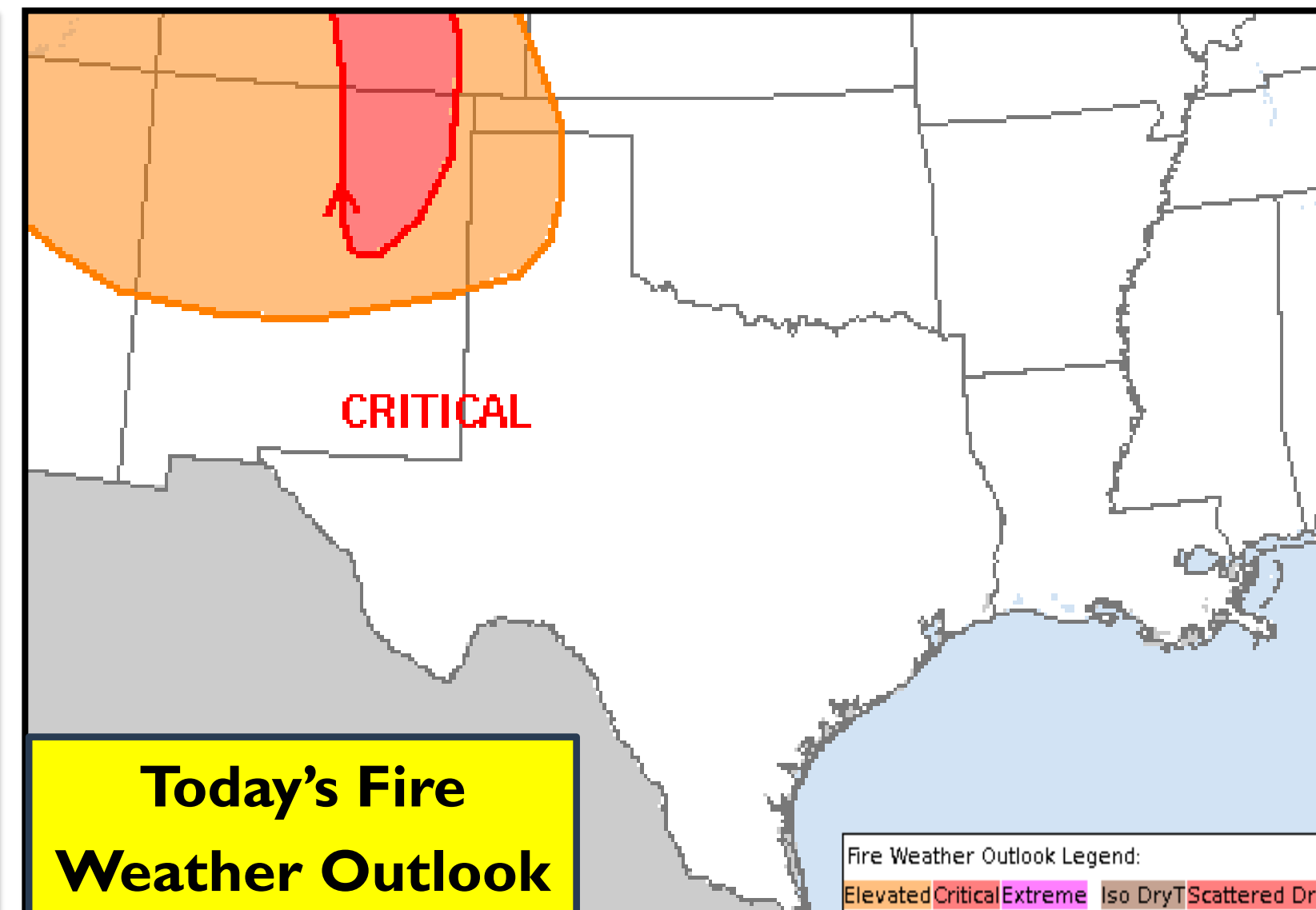
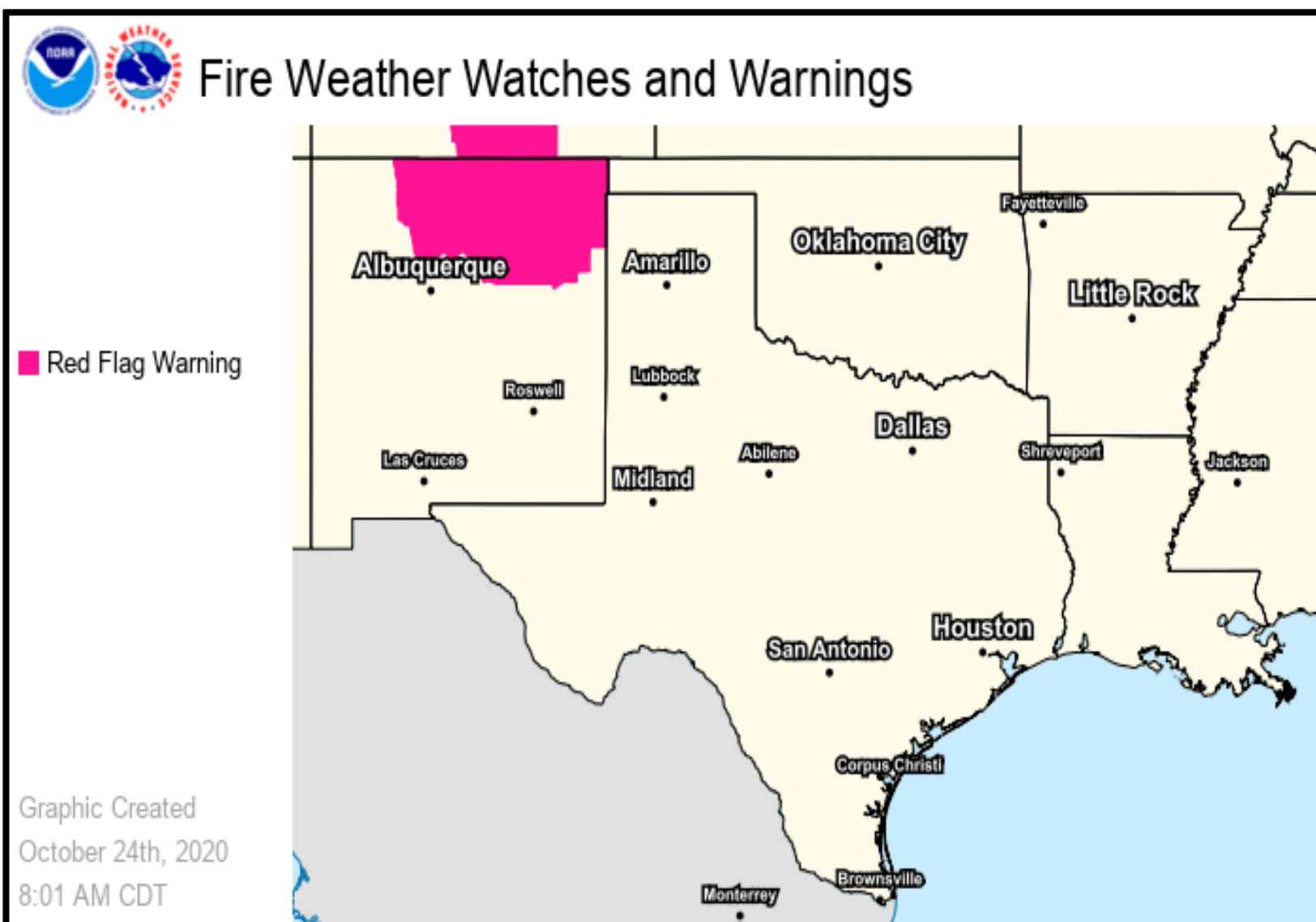




# Fire Weather Outlooks



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**Note: Days 3-5 only highlight Critical areas**

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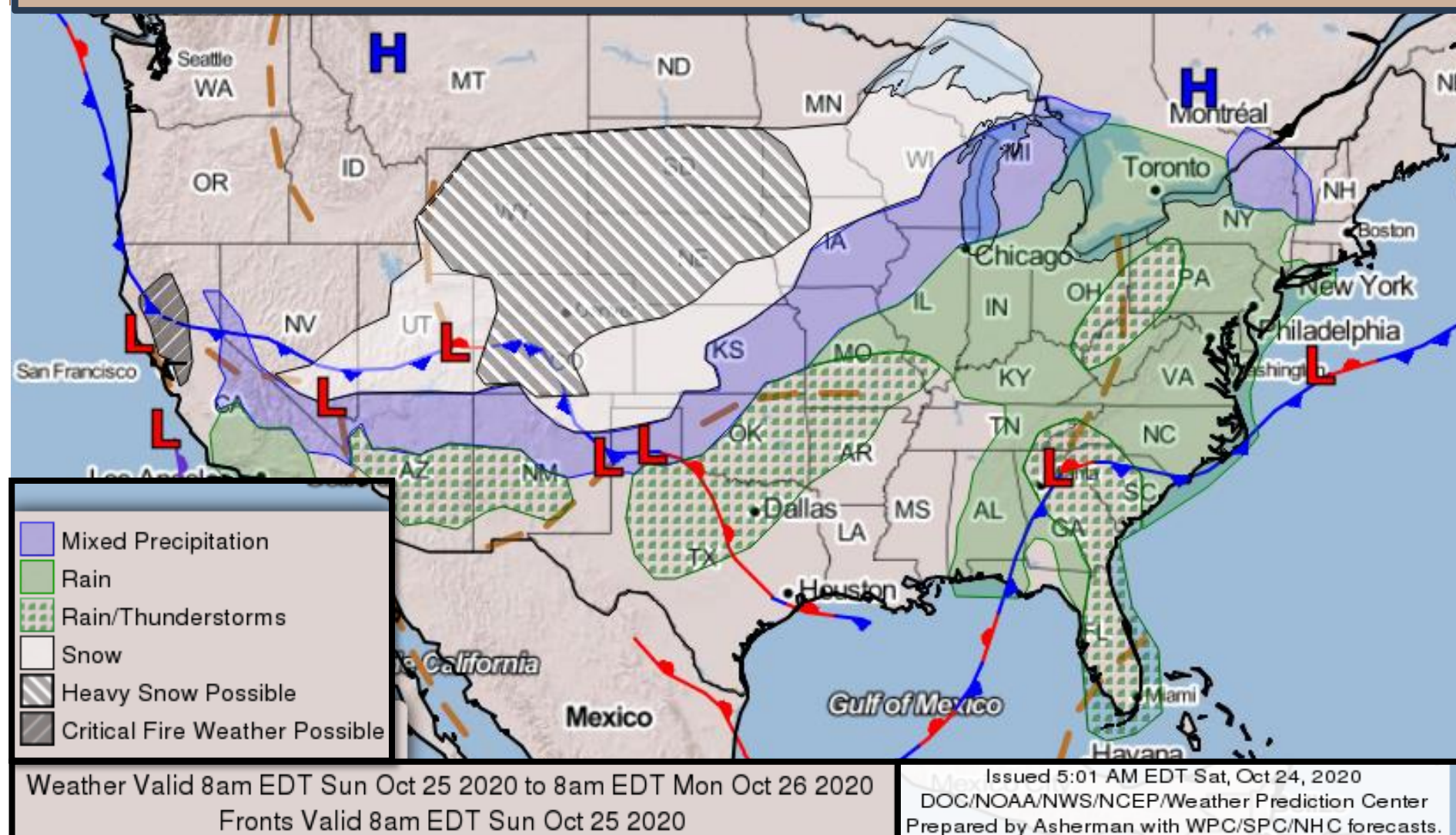


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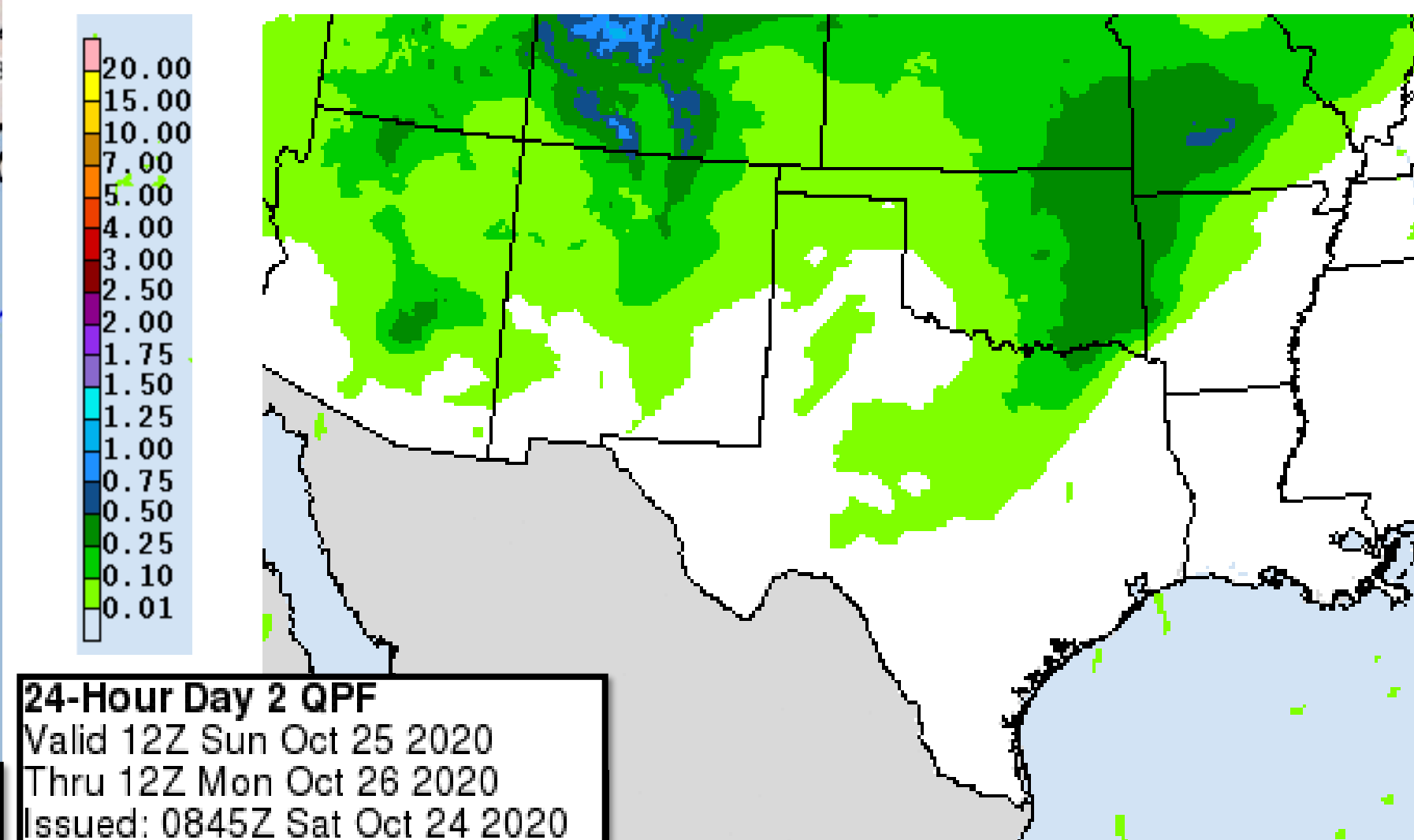


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## Forecast Chart

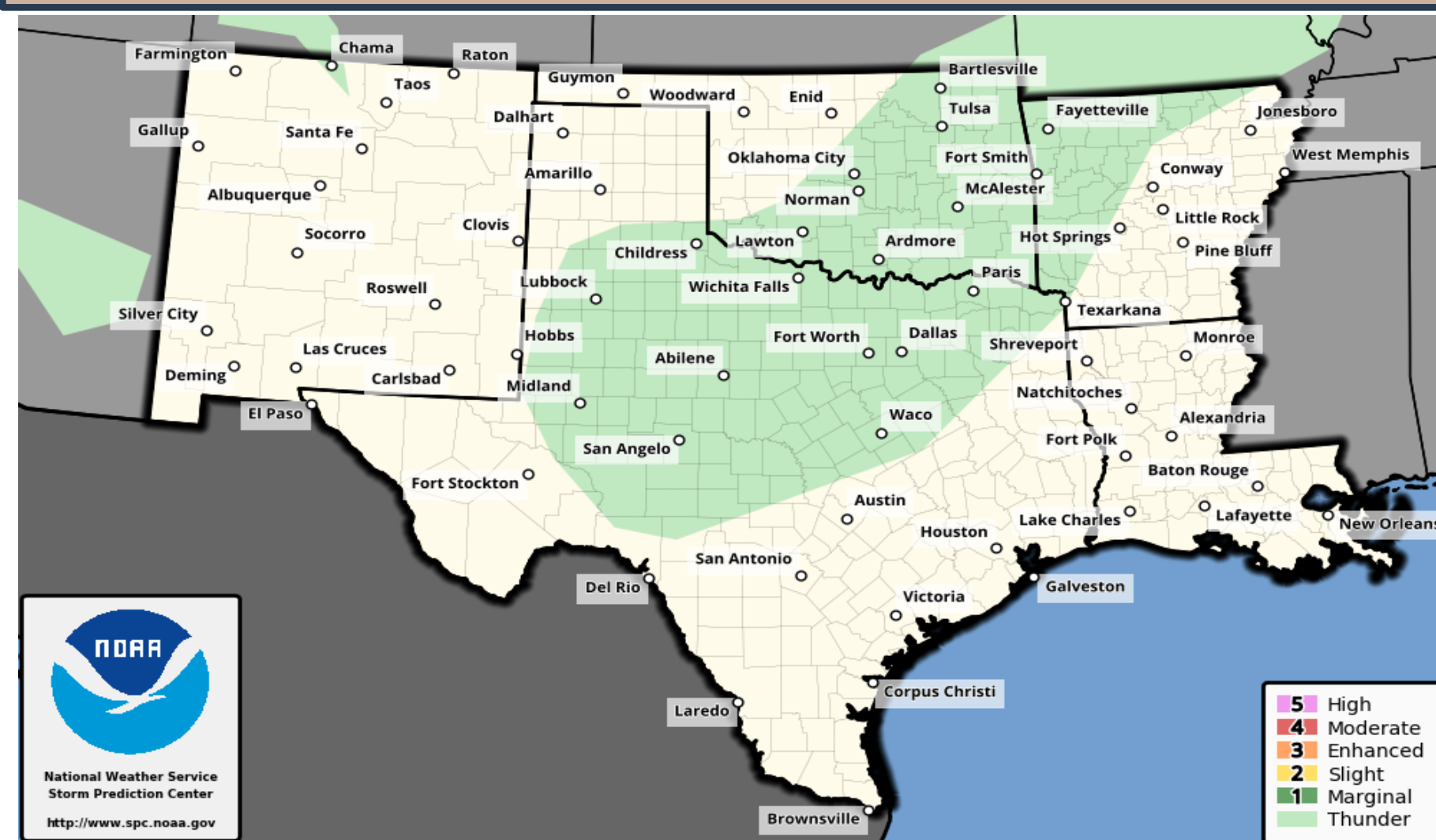


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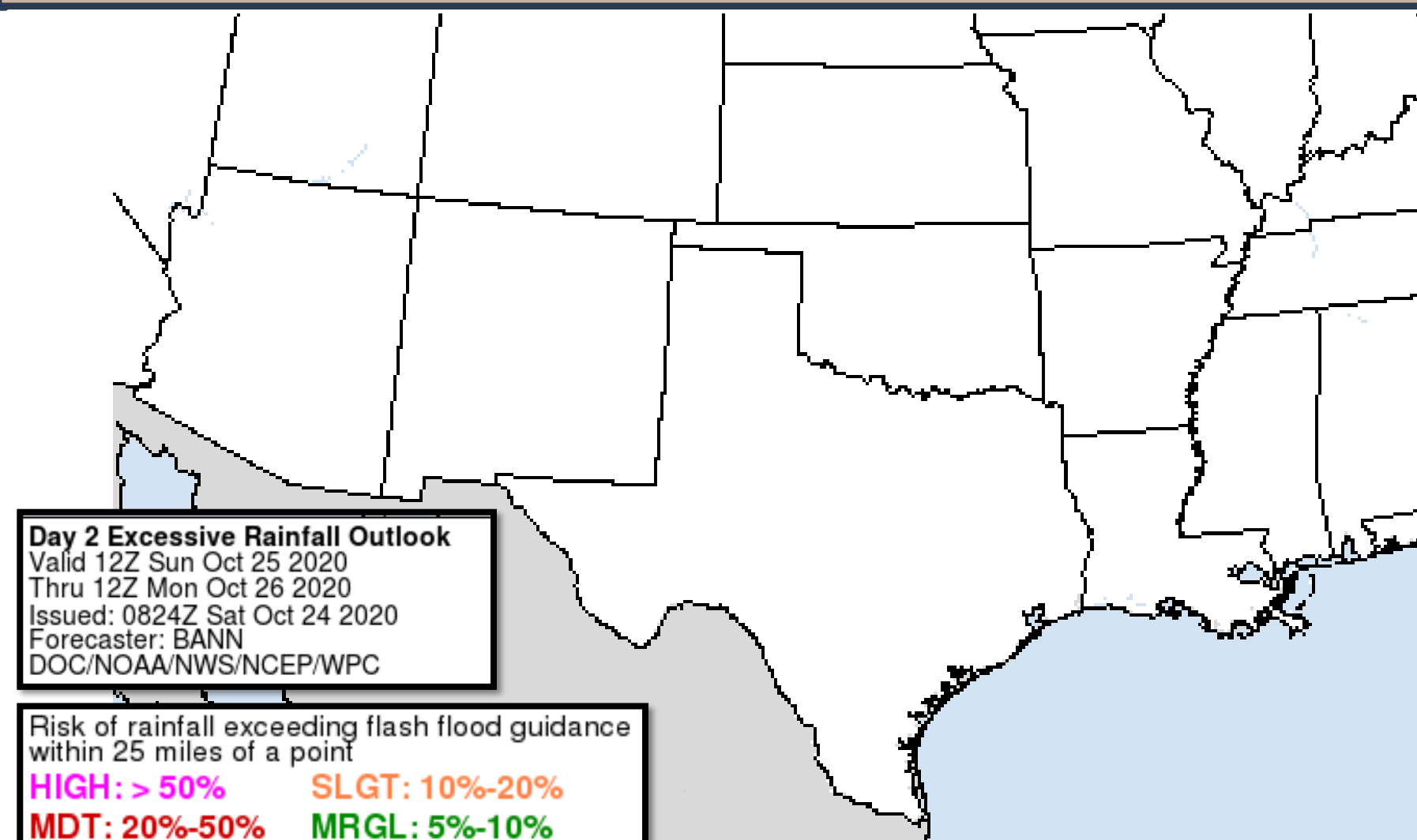


**Wintry mix across northern/eastern NM and the Panhandles Sunday night may lead to some minor travel impacts.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook



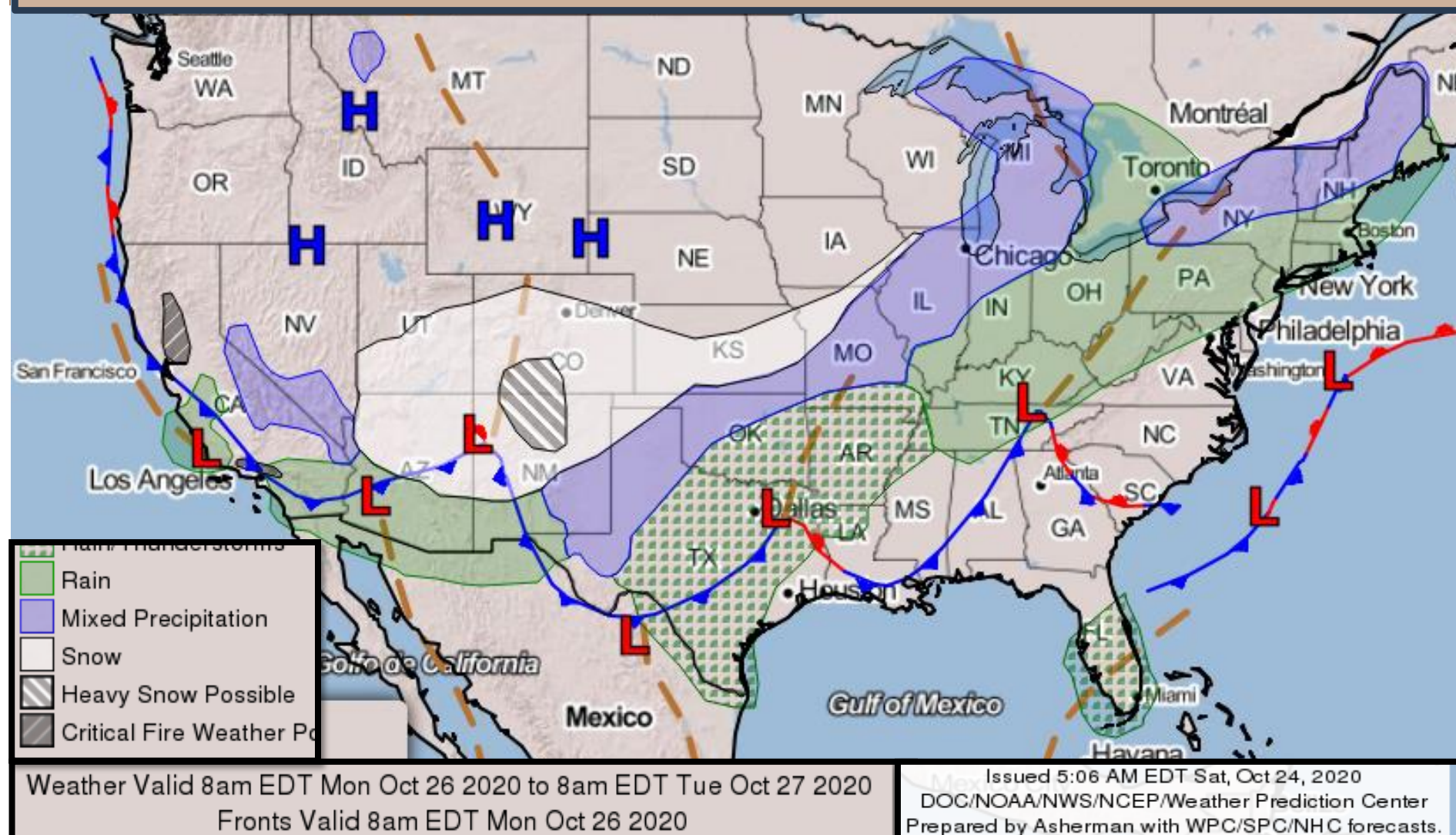


# Monday's Weather

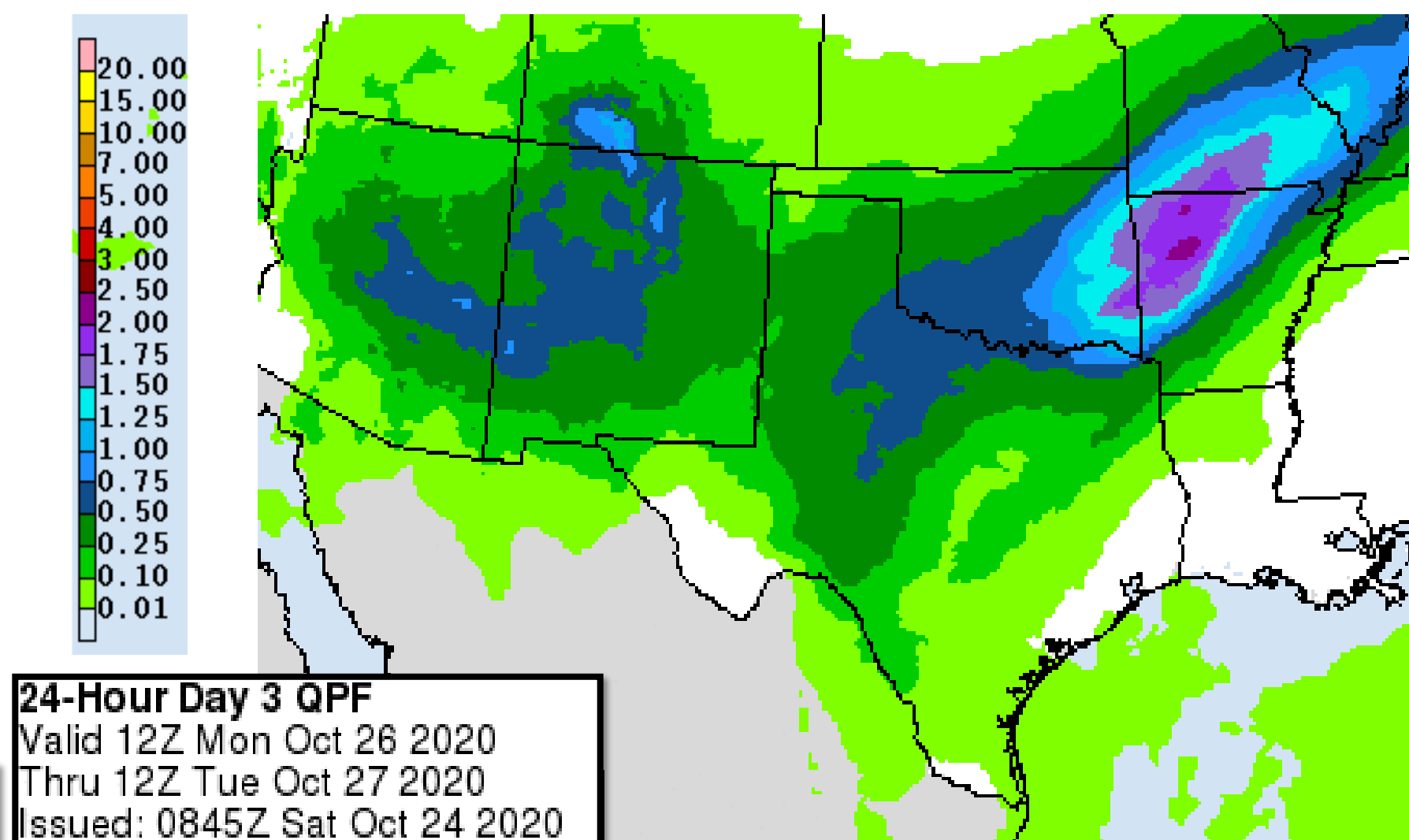


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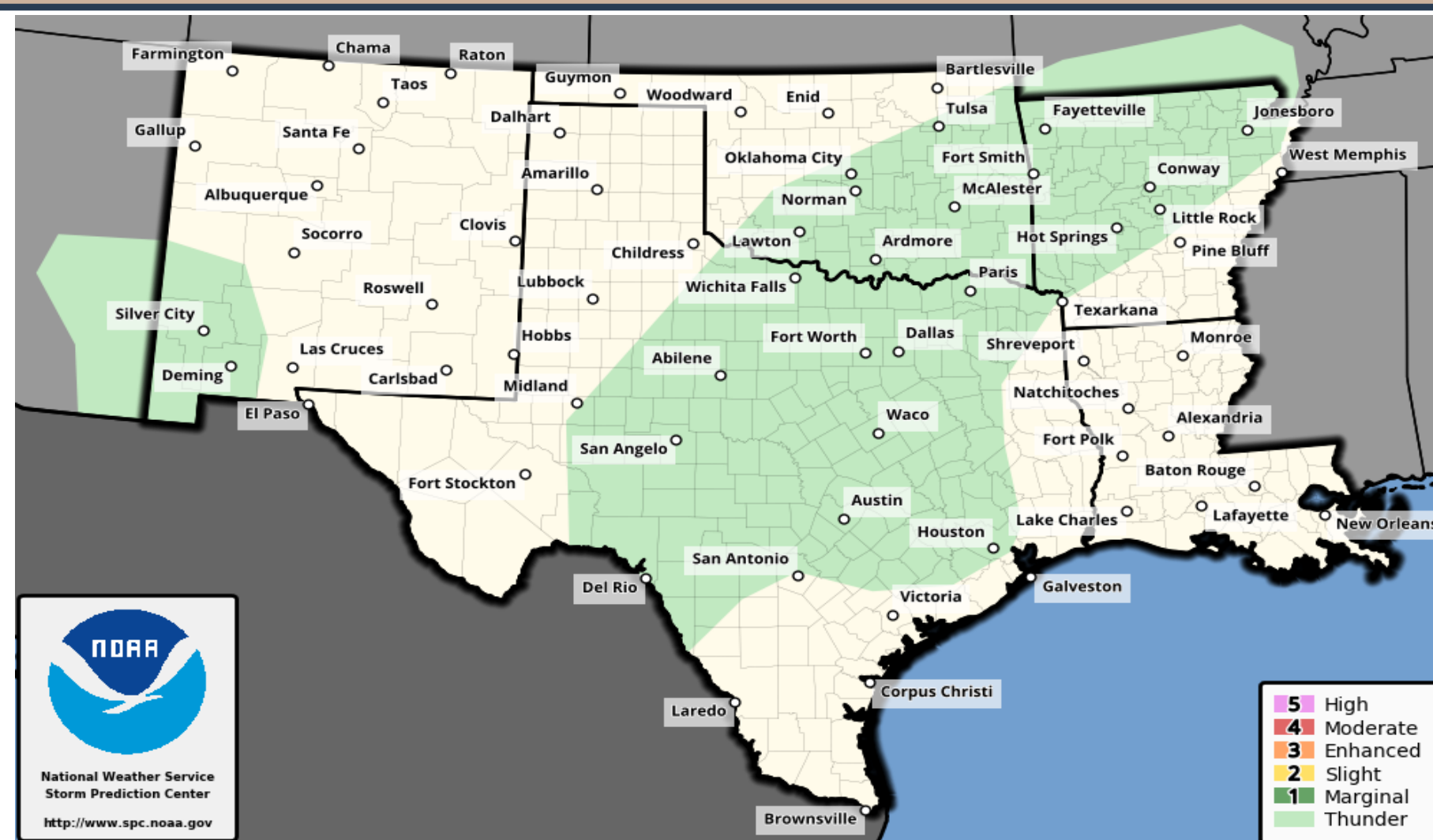
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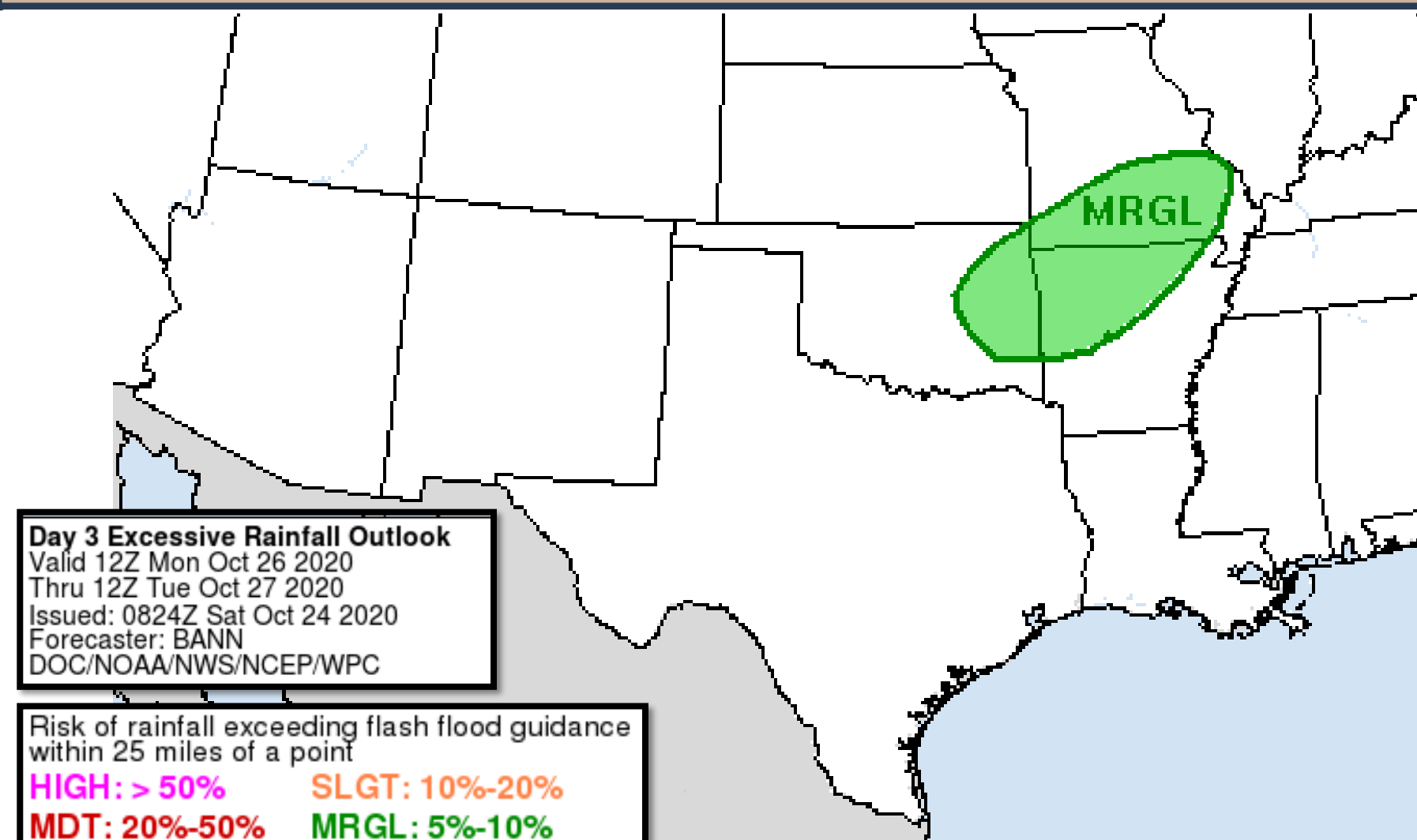
**Widespread winter-related travel impacts expected in the high terrain and eastern NM.**

**Wintry precipitation/travel impacts into the TX/OK Panhandles and W TX and OK.**

## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook





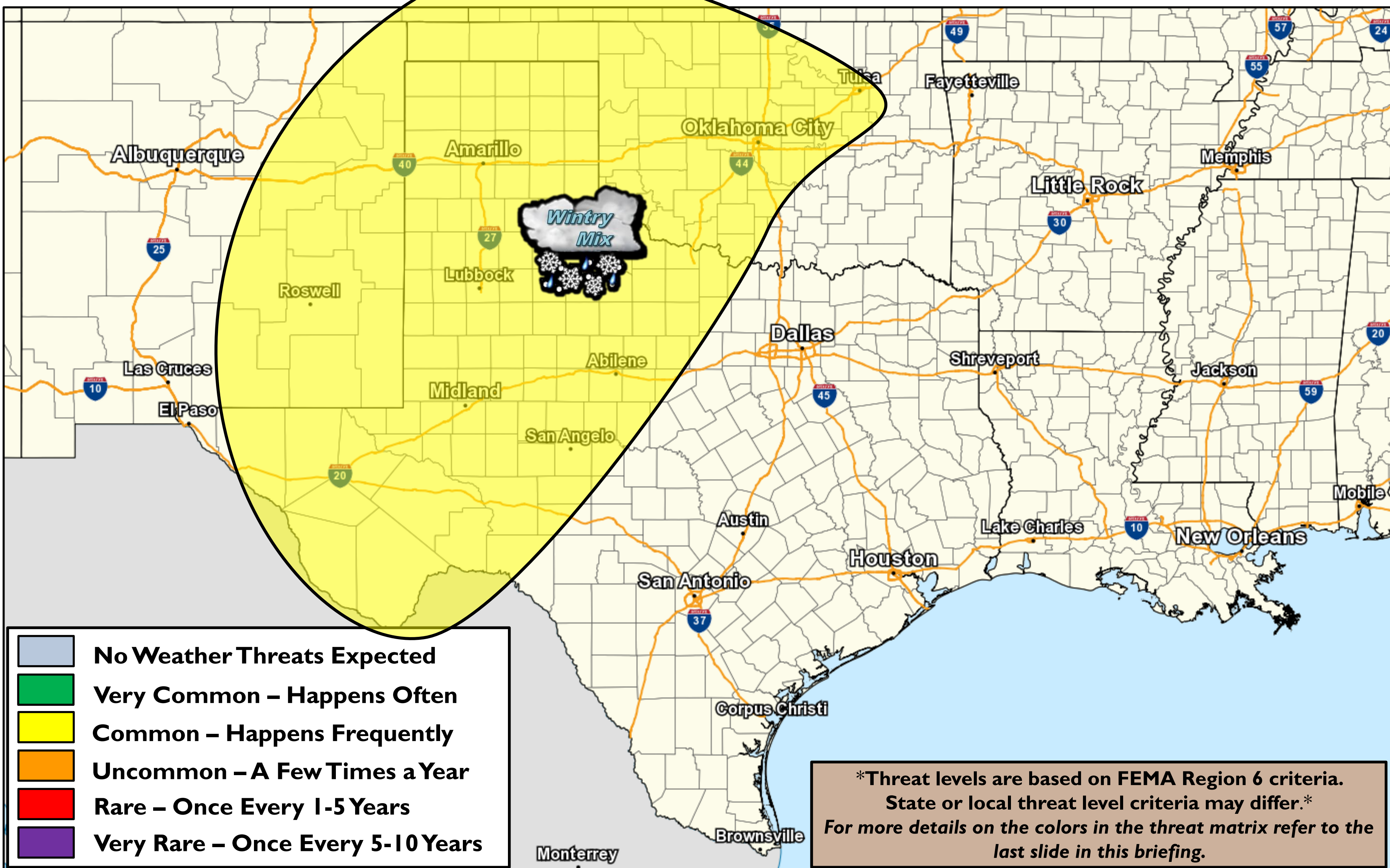
# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Tuesday - Wednesday



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**Wintry precipitation/travel impacts may continue across E NM, W/NW TX, and OK on Tuesday.**



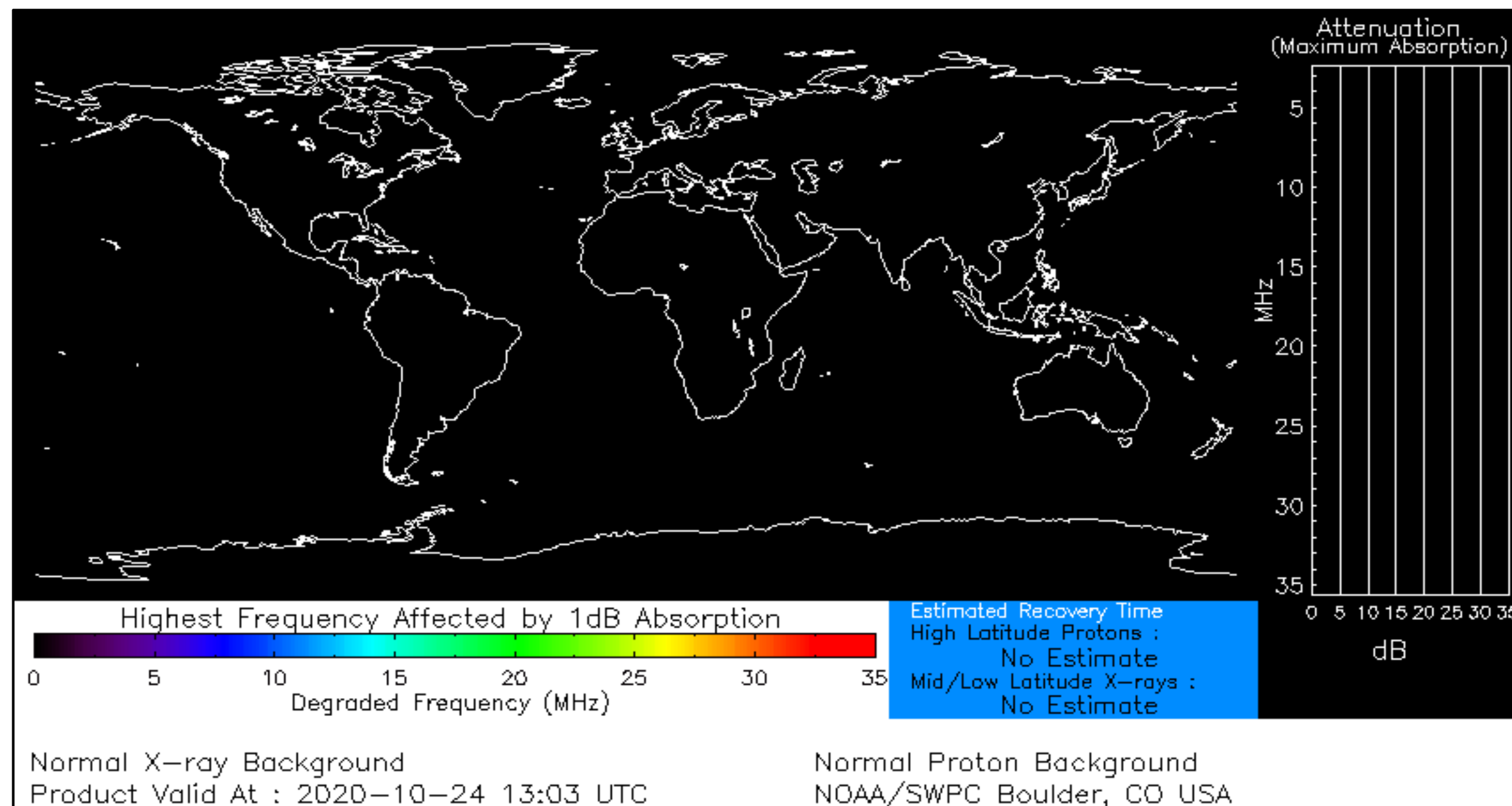


# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



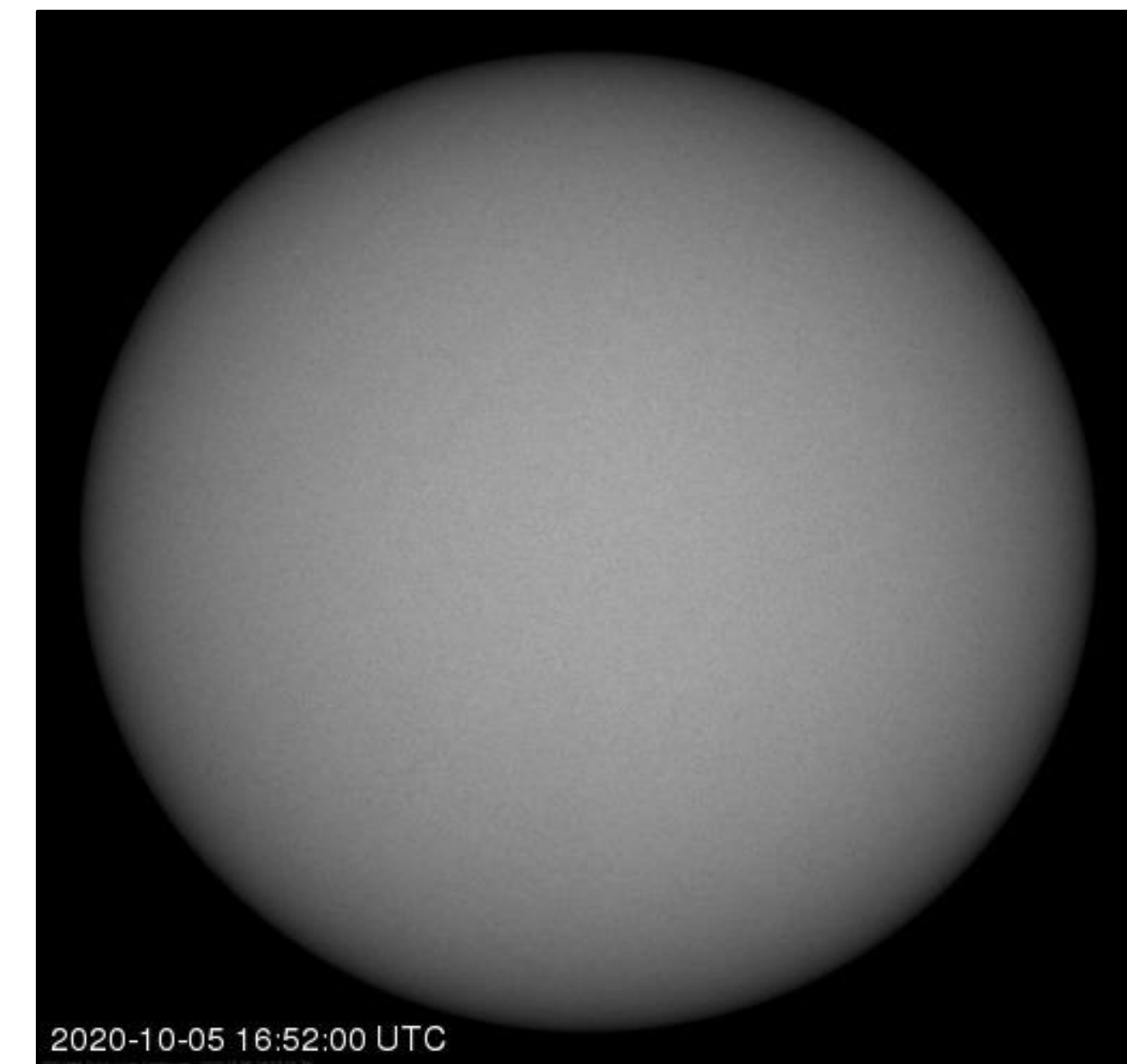
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	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Geomagnetic Storms	Active (Max Kp = 4)	Minor G1 Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)







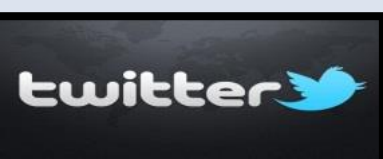
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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

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